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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Jordan is calm on the surface, but the dispute could flare up again. *(Page 1)*

In Laos, the Communists continue to advance. *(Page 2)*

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JORDAN

The deadly serious squabble between King Husayn and the fedayeen has eased off and Amman is outwardly calm. Nothing is settled, however, and the struggle could begin again at any time. Negotiations have been recessed until 21 February because of the religious holidays,

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Husayn has been accused of weakness because he preferred negotiating to fighting,

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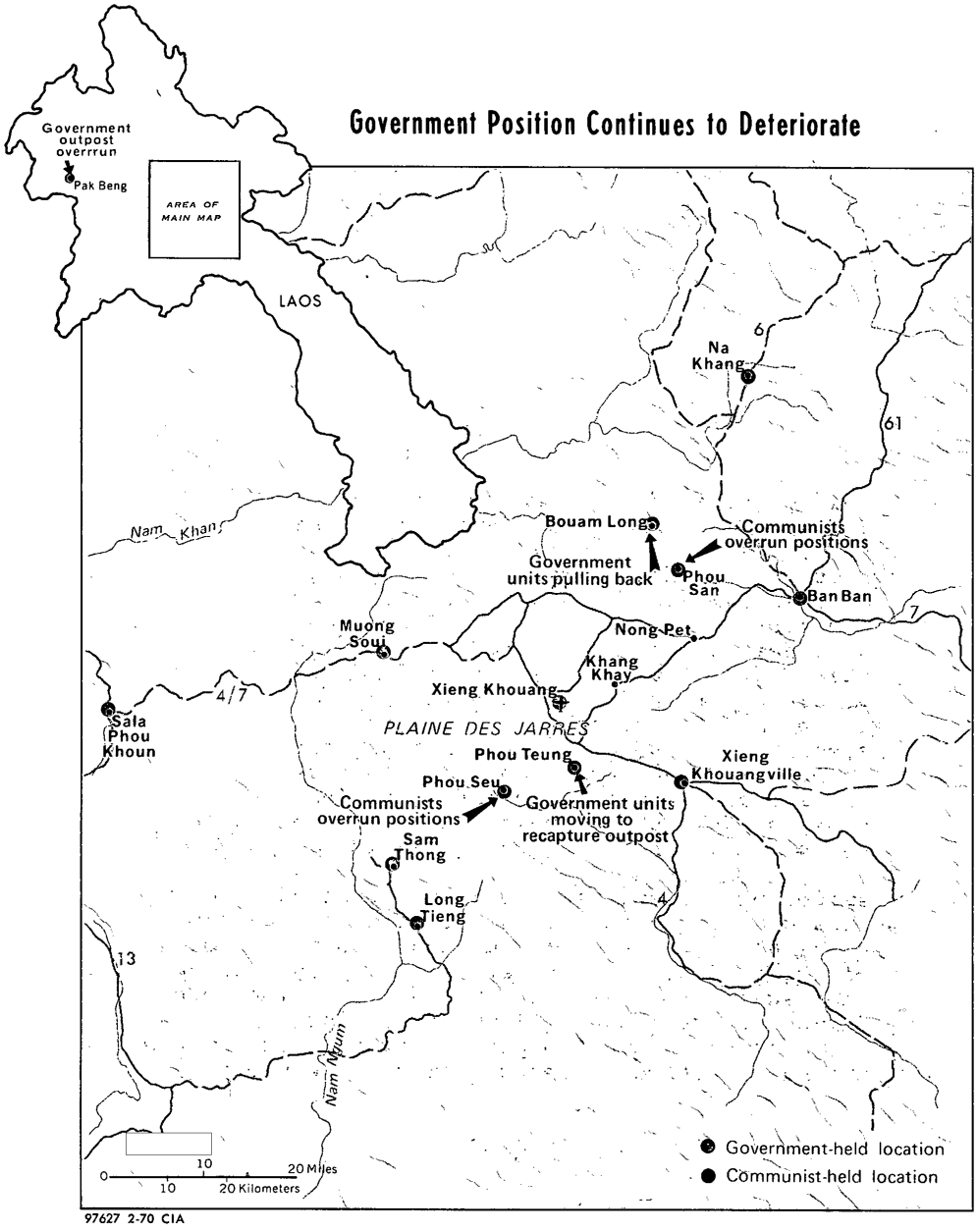

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LAOS

The Communists have gained control of most of the high ground overlooking the eastern half of the Plaine des Jarres. Small government units continue to fall back to the Xieng Khouang airfield, bringing the total number there to almost 1,000.

Unless some of these troops are moved to less exposed positions, a strong Communist attack could cause heavy casualties.

Government troops pulling out of the Nong Pet area are beginning to straggle into the government staging base at Bouam Long.

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